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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejections of the Claims

All previous claims have been canceled rendering previous rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

Although claims 1-77 are now canceled, the Examiner previous rejected claims 1-77 under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 based on references previously presented. The new claims are believed to be novel over all of the references previously presented and are believed to be unobvious over any combination thereof. To expedite prosecution of this Application on its merits Applicant describes herein how the newly submitted claims differ from the previous references and combinations for at least the following reasons.

Wang '333 is directed towards a "person identifier and management system [that] includes a face image database that stores the face feature data of each of a number of face images and the person-identifying data associated with each of the face images". Wang '333 does not contemplate "sending an email via said at least one first computer to at least one contact

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regarding the existence of said image data comprising said at least one object without requiring manual transmittal of a manually created email initiated from said providing user to each of said at least one contact". Wang '333 does not contemplate "performing a query that returns at least one result image data comprising said at least one search object wherein said at least one result image data comprises image data found in at least one album". Wang '333 is primarily concerned with image processing of a facial feature set.

Erickson '644 is directed towards "...broadcast message is transferred to the suppliers on the supplier list and the suppliers respond with appropriate information. As responses are received, the information from the responses is assembled...Information may then be extracted form the message and response tracking object and transferred to an analysis module for comparison and analysis of the responses". Erickson '644 does not contemplate "sending an email via said at least one first computer to at least one contact regarding the existence of said image data comprising said at least one object without requiring manual transmittal of a manually created email initiated from said providing user to each of said at least one contact". Erickson '644 does not contemplate "performing a

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query that returns at least one result image data comprising said at least one search object wherein said at least one result image data comprises image data found in at least one album".

Erickson '644 is primarily concerned with sending email to suppliers and processing the responses.

Cline '851 is directed towards "...changing the appearance of the first portion of the graphical objects to indicate that those graphical objects are links". Cline '851 does not contemplate "sending an email via said at least one first computer to at least one contact regarding the existence of said image data comprising said at least one object without requiring manual transmittal of a manually created email initiated from said providing user to each of said at least one contact".

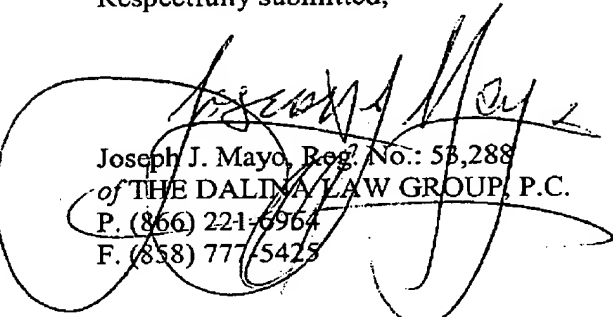
Cline '851 does not contemplate "performing a query that returns at least one result image data comprising said at least one search object wherein said at least one result image data comprises image data found in at least one album". Cline '851 is primarily concerned with hyper-linking portions of images. With regards to hyper-linking, Swain likewise does not contemplate the features of the Applicant's claimed invention.

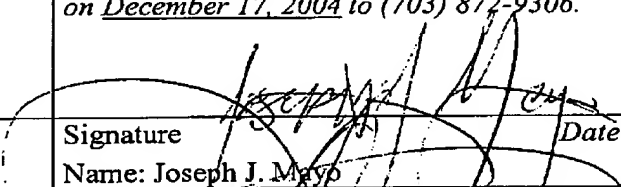
For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are in condition for

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allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

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